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1. Scope.

This Interface Design Description (IDD) defines the interface between the Tactical Control System (TCS) and the Joint Service Imagery Processing System - Navy (JSIPS-N).

1.1 Identification.

This TCS IDD Version 1.0 identifies, specifies, and establishes the detailed interface requirements between the TCS and the JSIPS-N as set forth by both the TCS System/Subsystem Specification (SSS) Version 1.0 and the TCS System/Subsystem Design Description (SSDD) Version 1.0. This IDD is written to comply with the TCS Operational Requirements Document (ORD) requirement number ORD069. This IDD details the interface of the TCS to the Precision Targeting Workstation (PTW) segment of JSIPS-N. Versions of the JSIPS-N PTW segment are identified in the appendices. This IDD specifies requirements levied on the TCS, and does not impose any requirements on the JSIPS-N. This IDD further specifies the methods to be used to ensure that each system interface requirement has been met. This IDD is published in accordance with Data Item Description (DID) DI-IPSC-81436, dated 05 December 1994, and modified to incorporate the qualification provisions section that is traditionally found in the Interface Requirements Specification (IRS). This IDD will be revised at the conclusion of the Program Definition and Risk Reduction period of the TCS program and will be re-issued in final form to be used during the follow-on TCS Engineering and Manufacturing Development period.

1.2 System Overview.

The purpose of the TCS is to provide the military services with a single command, control, data receipt, data processing, data export and dissemination capability that is interoperable with the family of all present and future tactical unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and with designated Command, Control, Communication, Computers, and Intelligence (C⁴I) systems. These UAVs include the Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (TUAV) and the Medium Altitude Endurance (MAE) UAV (henceforth referred to as Outrider and Predator respectively), with their associated payloads. Designated C⁴I and other systems that TCS will be interoperable with are detailed in paragraph 1.2.2.4. TCS will also be capable of receiving and processing information from High Altitude Endurance (HAE) UAVs and their associated payloads, as well as being capable of providing interoperability with future development tactical UAVs and payloads.

1.2.1 TCS Program, Phases, and UAV Interaction.

The Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Joint Project Office (UAV JPO) has undertaken development of a TCS for UAVs. Design and development of the TCS will be conducted in two phases. Phase 1 is defined as the Program Definition and Risk Reduction phase, and Phase 2 is defined as the Engineering and Manufacturing Development phase in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) - 5000.2R. During Phase 2, TCS Low Rate Initial Production (LRIP) will commence. Phase 1 is a 24 month period that demonstrates Level 1 through Level 5 interaction (as defined below) in an Incremental and Evolutionary strategy as described in accordance with MIL-STD-498. The five discrete levels of multiple UAV interaction to be provided by the TCS

are:

- Level 1: receipt and transmission of secondary imagery and/or data
- Level 2: direct receipt of imagery and/or data
- Level 3: control of the UAV payload in addition to direct receipt of imagery/data
- Level 4: control of the UAV, less launch and recovery, plus all the functions of level 3
- Level 5: capability to have full function and control of the UAV from takeoff to landing

1.2.2 Tactical Control System Overview.

The TCS is the software, software-related hardware and the extra ground support hardware necessary for the control of the TUAV, the MAE UAV, and future tactical UAVs. The TCS will also provide connectivity to specific C⁴I systems as outlined in paragraph 1.2.2.4. TCS will have the objective capability of receiving HAE UAV payload information. Although developed as a total package, the TCS will be scaleable to meet the users' requirements for deployment. TCS will provide a common Human-Computer Interface (HCI) for tactical airborne platforms to simplify user operations and training, and to facilitate seamless integration into the Services' Joint C⁴I infrastructure across all levels of interaction.

1.2.2.1 Software.

The major focus of the TCS program is software. The software will provide the UAV operator with the necessary tools for computer related communications, mission tasking, mission planning, mission execution, data receipt, data processing, limited data exploitation, and data dissemination. The software will provide a high resolution, computer-generated graphics user interface that enables a UAV operator trained on one system to control different types of UAVs or UAV payloads with a minimum of additional training. The TCS will operate in an open architecture and be capable of being hosted on computers that are typically supported by the using Service. Software developed will be Defense Information Infrastructure/Common Operating Environment (DII/COE) compliant, non-proprietary, and the architectural standard for all future tactical UAVs. To the extent possible, the TCS will use standard Department of Defense (DoD) software components to achieve commonality. TCS will provide software portability, scaleable functionality, and support for operational configurations tailored to users' needs.

1.2.2.2 Hardware.

To the extent possible, TCS will use standard DoD components in order to achieve commonality. TCS will use the computing hardware specified by the service specific procurement contracts. The individual armed services will identify TCS computing hardware, the desired level of TCS functionality, the battlefield C⁴I connectivity, and the particular type of air vehicle and payloads

to be operated depending upon the deployment concept and area of operations. TCS hardware must be capable of being scaled or modularized to meet varying Service needs. TCS hardware will permit long range communications from one TCS to another, data storage expansion, access to other computers to share in processing capability, and multiple external peripherals.

1.2.2.3 System Compliance.

The TCS will be developed in compliance with the following military and commercial computing systems architecture, communications processing, and imagery architecture standards:

- a. Department of Defense Joint Technical Architecture (JTA), including, but not limited to:
 - Variable Message Format (VMF) and Joint Message Format (JMF)
 - National Imagery Transmission Format (NITF)
- b. Defense Information Infrastructure/Common Operating Environment
- c. Computer Open Systems Interface Processor (COSIP)
- d. Common Imagery Ground/Surface System (CIGSS) segment of the Distributed Common Ground Station (DCGS).

1.2.2.4 Integration with Joint C⁴I Systems.

TCS will be capable of entering DII/COE compliant networks and TCS integration with C⁴I systems will be accomplished through development of interfaces that permit information exchange between the TCS and specified C⁴I systems. Network interoperability will include but not be limited to:

- Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System (AFATDS)
- Advanced Tomahawk Weapons Control System (ATWCS)
- Air Force Mission Support System (AFMSS)
- All Source Analysis System (ASAS)
- Army Mission Planning System (AMPS)
- Automated Target Handoff System (ATHS)
- Closed Circuit Television (CCTV)
- Common Operational Modeling, Planning, and Simulation Strategy (COMPASS)
- Contingency Airborne Reconnaissance System (CARS)
- Enhanced Tactical Radar Correlator (ETRAC)
- Guardrail Common Sensor/Aerial Common Sensor (ACS) Integrated Processing Facility (IPF)
- Intelligence Analysis System (IAS)
- Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System (JDISS)
- Joint Maritime Command Information System (JMCIS)
- Joint Service Imagery Processing System - Air Force (JSIPS)
- Joint Service Imagery Processing System - Navy (JSIPS-N)

Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System (JSTARS) Ground Station Module/Common Ground Station (GSM/CGS)

Modernized Imagery Exploitation System (MIES)

Tactical Aircraft Mission Planning System (TAMPS)

Tactical Exploitation Group (TEG)

Tactical Exploitation System (TES)

Theater Battle Management Core System (TBMCS)

TROJAN Special Purpose Integrated Remote Intelligence Terminal (SPIRIT) II

The TCS will export and disseminate UAV imagery products, tactical communication messages, as well as mission plans and target coordinates. TCS will also receive, process, and display tasking orders and operational information from service specific mission planning systems.

1.2.3 JSIPS-N System Overview.

The JSIPS-N is becoming operational on all Navy aircraft carriers and various amphibious assault ships plus several ashore installations and Rapid Deployment Suites. For the first time, Navy commanders will have the capability to rapidly plan and execute precision strike missions in a true sensor-to-shooter environment. JSIPS-N provides the capability to receive imagery in real/near real-time from virtually any source, national or tactical, and in virtually any format. JSIPS-N enables the creation of timely, highly accurate imagery information. It supports the rapid exploitation and dissemination of imagery products to meet staff, mission planning and intelligence requirements. JSIPS-N is introduced into the fleet today and will give the U.S. Navy unprecedented capability in the employment of precision strike weapons. Ashore or afloat, the U.S. Navy will be able to create the electronic target folders and target reference scenes, create the perspective scenes required for mission preview and rehearsal, and create accurate, precisely mensurated imagery products to support all strike warfare requirements. The JSIPS-N (PTW Segment) will be DII/COE compliant to level five when the final interface to TCS is implemented.

1.3 Document Overview.

The purpose of this IDD is to provide the interface description between the TCS and the JSIPS-N. This document was developed using MIL-STD-498 (Data Item Description DI-IPSC-84136) as a guide, and is divided into the following sections:

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| Section 1 | <u>Scope</u> : Identifies the systems, interfacing entities, and interfaces addressed in this IDD; with a brief overview of each. |
| Section 2 | <u>Referenced Documents</u> : Lists all referenced documents applicable to this development effort. |
| Section 3 | <u>Interface Design</u> : Identifies and describes the characteristics of the interface(s) defined in this IDD. |
| Section 4 | <u>Requirements Traceability and Qualification Provisions</u> : Defines the requirements traceability to the TCS SSDD, and also defines the qualification methods which are used to ensure that each requirement of this interface has been met. |
| Section 5 | <u>Notes</u> : Provides background information regarding JSIPS-N; and a list of acronyms and abbreviations used in this IDD. |
| Appendices | <u>A</u> : For Version 1.7 of PTW.
<u>B</u> : For Version 3.1 of PTW. |

2. Referenced Documents.

2.1 Government Documents.

The following documents of the exact issue shown form part of this IDD to the extent specified herein. In the event of conflict between the documents referenced herein and the content of this IDD, the content of this IDD will be considered a superseding requirement.

2.1.1 Specifications.

TCS 102 30 June 1997	Tactical Control System, System/Subsystem Specification, Version 1.0
TCS 104 Date - TBD	Tactical Control System, System/Subsystem Design Description, Version 1.0
TCS 229 20 Nov 1997	Tactical Control System Segment to Air Vehicle Standard Segment Interface Design Description, Version 1.1

2.1.2 Standards.

Federal - None

Military

DOD JTA 22 Aug 1996	DoD Joint Technical Architecture, Version 1.0
MIL-STD-498 5 Dec 1994	Software Development and Documentation Standard
MIL-STD-2500A 12 Oct 1994	National Imagery Transmission Format Standard (Ver 2.0)

Other Government Agency - None

2.1.3 Drawings.

None

2.1.4 Other Publications.

Reports

TCS 100 Data - TBD	Operational Concept Document for the TCS (Draft)
TCS 118 7 July 1997	Tactical Control System, Operational Requirements Document, Version 5.0
TCS 233 9 May 1997	Tactical Control System Joint Interoperability Interface 2, Version 1.0, TCS to Service C ⁴ I Systems

Regulations - None

Handbooks

CIGSS-HDBK 19 July 1995	CIGSS Acquisition Standards Handbook, Version 1.0
MIL-HDBK-1300A 12 Oct 1994	National Imagery Transmission Format

Bulletins - None

2.2 Non-Government Documents.

The following documents of the exact issue shown form part of this IDD to the extent specified herein. In the event of conflict between the documents referenced herein and the content of this IDD, the content of this IDD will be considered a superseding requirement.

2.2.1 Specifications.

None

2.2.2 Standards.

None

2.2.3 Drawings.

None

2.2.4 Other Publications.

None

3. Interface Design.

The interface between the TCS and JSIPS-N is through the PTW. The PTW will use data received from the TCS to prepare Task Assignments for the Digital Imagery WorkStation Afloat (DIWSA) and Electronic Target Folders (ETF) for other mission planning systems.

3.1 Interface Identification/Diagram.

This IDD specifies the design characteristics of the interface between the TCS and the JSIPS-N system as shown in Figure 3.1-1. The TCS to JSIPS-N (PTW) Interface Block Diagram, Figure 3.1-2, shows the TCS/JSIPS-N interface connectivity via the PTW for the Third FY-97 laboratory demonstration. Figure 3.1-3 shows the TCS/JSIPS-N interface connectivity, also via PTW, to support SAR imagery processing.

The TCS to JSIPS-N interface will adhere to the definition of the Joint Interoperability Interface 2 (JII 2). JII 2 is the top level requirement for the TCS to interface with C⁴I Systems. JII 2 does not impose nor levy requirements on the C⁴I Systems. The burden is on the TCS to ensure that the TCS architecture, hardware and software is interoperable with the C⁴I System.

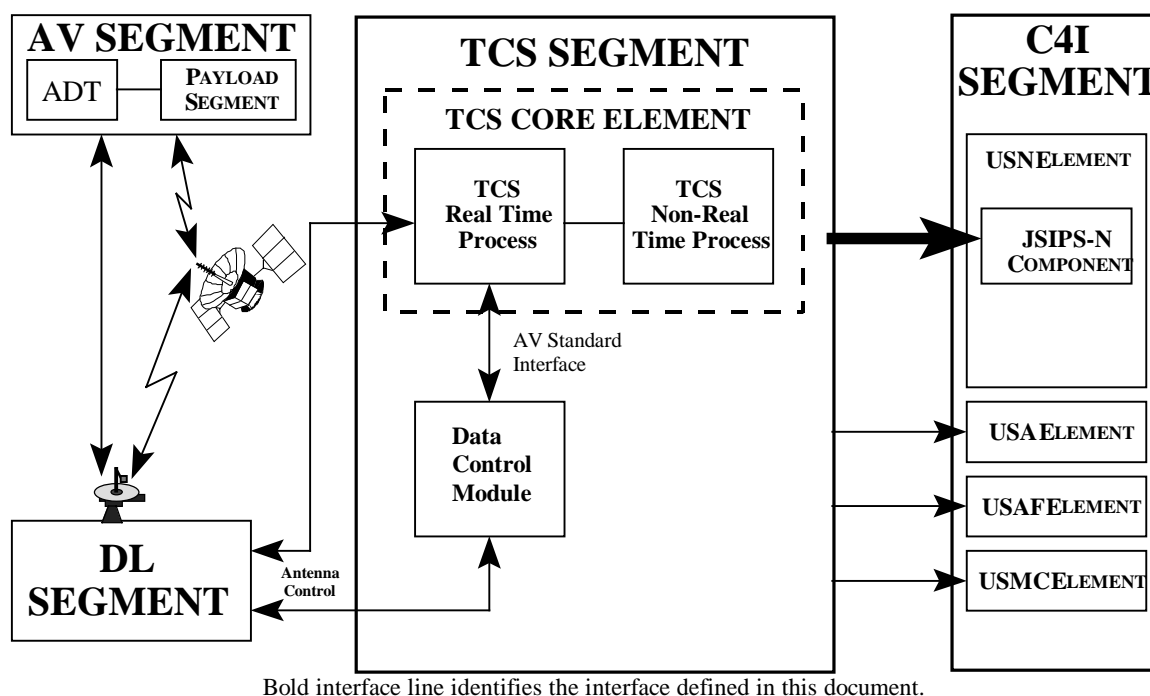


Figure 3.1-1 TCS to JSIPS-N Interface Block Diagram

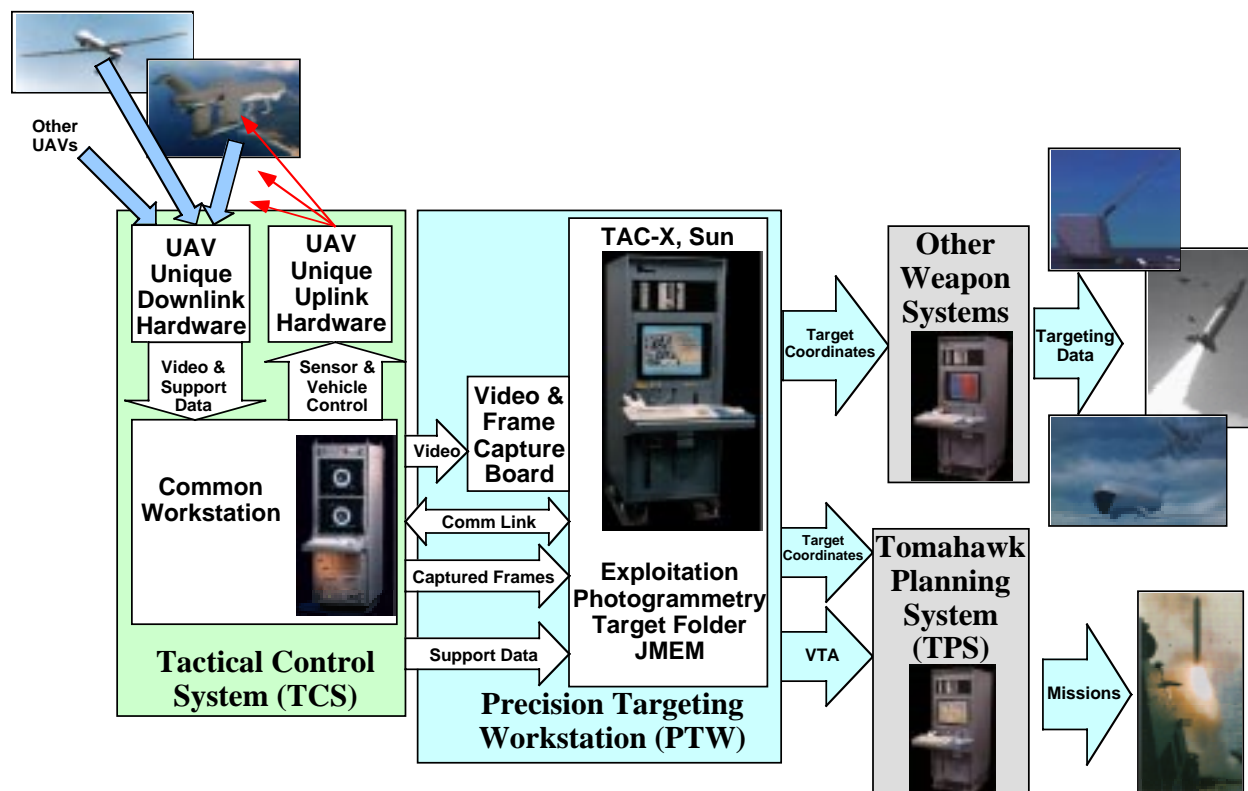


Figure 3.1-2 TCS to JSIPS-N(PTW) Interface Block Diagram

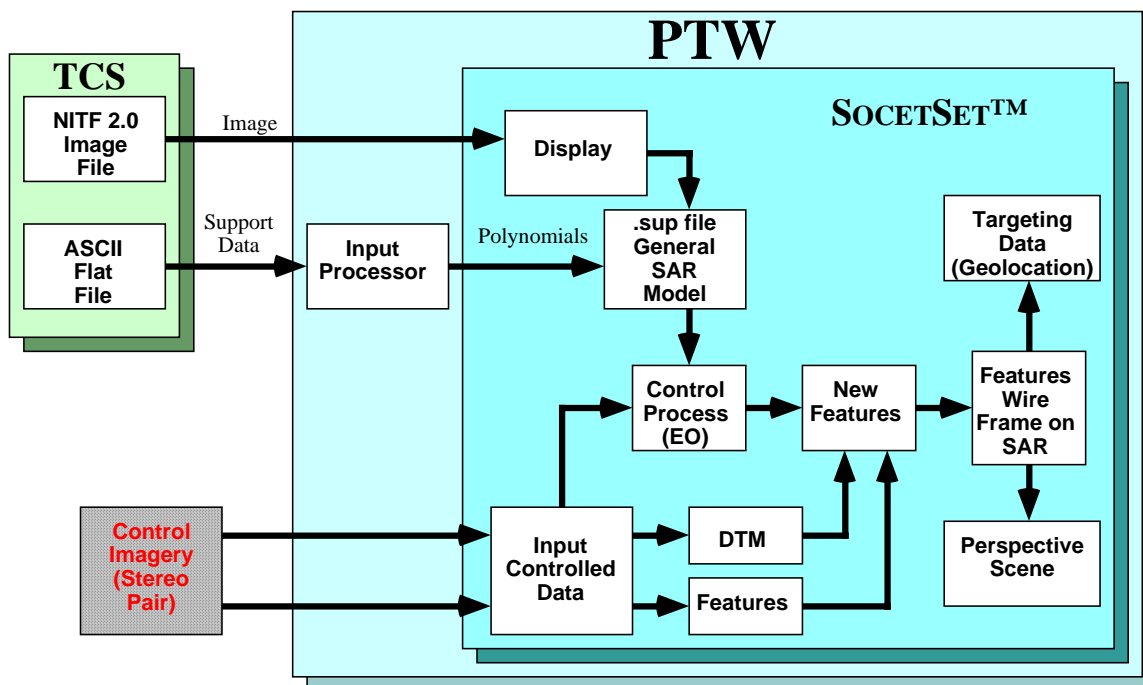


Figure 3.1-3 Interface from TCS to PTW to Support SAR Imagery Processing

3.2 TCS - PTW Interfaces.

The interface between the TCS and the PTW segment of JSIPS-N is in two major configurations. One set of configurations exists in Operational Testing between the TCS and fielded PTW systems with released software packages. The second set of configurations is used for development testing and the PTW software is modified to perform newly developed functions. As each interface configuration is developed they will be added as an appendix to this document. Figure 3.2-1 summarizes the major elements that are provided in various versions of PTW. These elements control the types of interfaces that can be developed for operational software.

	PTW Version 1.5	PTW Version 1.6	PTW Version 1.7	PTW Version 2.0†	Open PTW Vers. 0.80	PTW Version 2.1†	PTW Version 3.0	PTW Modernization Version
MATRIX Version	4.0	5.0.2	5.1.1	4.0	5.0.2	5.0.2	5.1.1	5.1.1
SOCETSET Version	3.0.9	3.1.4	3.1.4	3.0.9	3.2/4.0	3.1.4	3.1.4	4.0.2
HPUX Version	9.0.5	9.0.5	9.0.5	9.0.5	Solaris 2.5.1	9.0.5	10.10	10.10
Sybase Version	Flat file	Flat file	Flat file	Sybase 10.0 & Flat file	Sybase 10.0	Sybase 10.0	Sybase 11.0	Sybase 11.0
DIWS Version	2.4 IPF	2.4.1 IPF	2.4.1 IPF	2.4	N/A	2.4.1	2.4.1	2.4.1
Hardware	TAC-3	TAC-3	TAC-3	TAC-3	Sun Ultra 1	TAC-3	TAC-4	TAC-4
Classification	Unclassified Secret SCI	Secret SCI	Secret SCI	Unclassified Secret SCI	Unclassified	SCI	Secret ? SCI	Secret ? SCI
Notes	DIWS Import/Export via IPF	Expand DIWS Import/Export via IPF	New MATRIX for new import capabilities	ETF Managmnt Bridge S/W VSAD I/F to DIWS	Sun H/W SOCETSET Supports SAR Input & Model	New MATRIX New VSAD I/F to DIWS	Colocated w/SPA, New Matrix, New Bridge & E209	Installation of New Tools and Prototype Capabilities

- † This version will not be delivered to the field
• This version initially is based upon flat file but can be upgraded with a Sybase license
§ Some flat file capability is possible but overall PTW functionality is limited

Figure 3.2-1 PTW Version Information Summary

3.3 TCS - PTW Interface for PTW Version 1.7.

PTW Version 1.7 has limited interface capability for handling UAV data. The primary interface is via MATRIX 5.0 which allows the import of NITF 2.0 images. The hardware interface is via network or tape connection. The interface also includes notification software that allows TCS and PTW operators to notify each other of transfer of data. This interface is described in detail in Appendix A and is summarized in Figure 3.3-1 below.

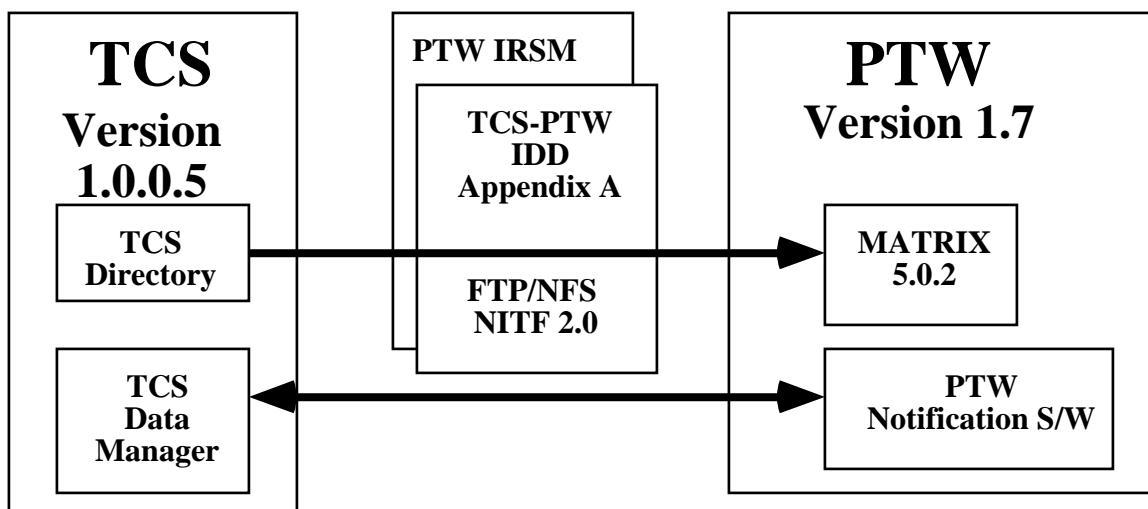


Figure 3.3-1 TCS to PTW Version 1.7 Interface

NOTE: This interface was demonstrated as part of FLEETEX (4-14 November 1997) on the USS Tarawa (LHA-1).

3.4 TCS - PTW Interface for PTW Version 3.1.

PTW Version 3.1 is currently under development and has more robust capabilities to support an interface to UAV data. This interface includes four different types of products: SAR, Digital Imagery (Stills), Precision Targeting Data and CORBA-based handshaking between systems. Figure 3.4-1 is an overview of this capability. This interface is described in Appendix B.

3.4.1 TCS - PTW SAR Interface for Version 3.1.

TCS will provide SAR data to the PTW segment via the NITF 2.0 extension. This interface will take advantage of SocetSet™ 4.0.2 which has an embedded Tactical SAR model. A new extension to NITF 2.0 will be required to handle the support data and the unique characteristics of the TESAR sensor. The data element definition is currently under development. This interface while not operationally robust, will be the first measurement of SAR accuracy and will be the basis of further Tactical SAR development.

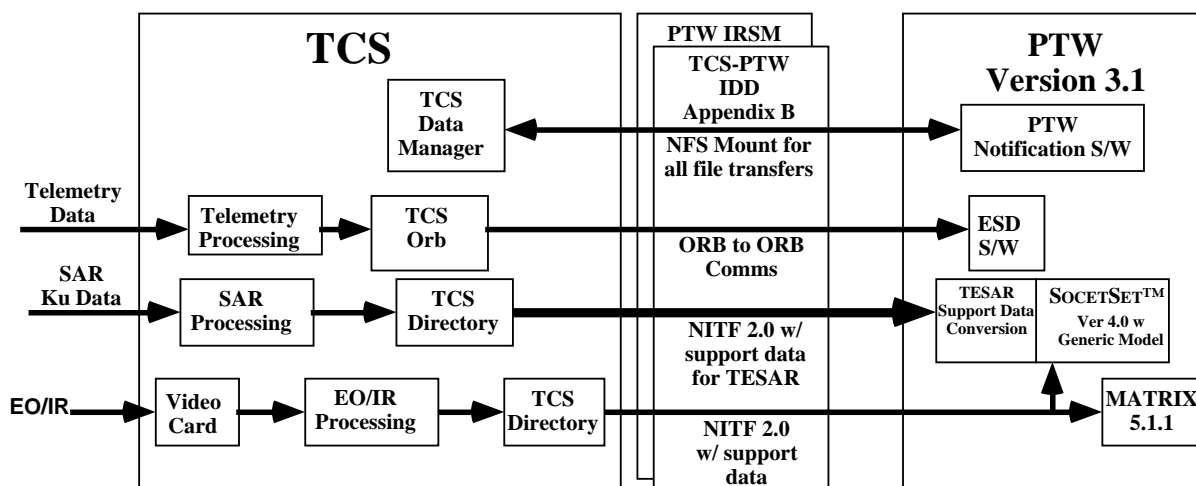


Figure 3.4-1 TCS to PTW Version 3.1 Interface

3.4.2 Digital Imagery (Stills) Interface for Version 3.1.

TCS will provide NITF 2.0 images to PTW. The SocetSet™ and MATRIX portions of PTW will both be able to import NITF 2.0 images in Version 3.1 of PTW. The NITF 2.0 extensions to be supported by each program are TBD.

3.4.3 Precision Targeting Data Interface for Version 3.1.

Additionally, the interface developed for this version will include an import of telemetry data to support the EO Support Data algorithm. This data transfer will be via a CORBA interface and will utilize the TCS data manager for operator to operator handshaking initiating a transfer of information in either a push or pull fashion. Pop-up screens will be developed for this interface and a pull down will be added to PTW software to support this interface. In support of the EO Support Data interface a video capture board is installed in the demonstration system to ensure that the sensor operator is locked on to the target as EO Support Data support data is transmitted.

4. Requirements Traceability and Qualification Provisions.

This section defines the traceability of each C⁴I requirement in this IDD, as shown in Table 4.0-1 below, to the TCS SSDD requirements specified in the TCS SSDD Version 1.0. This section also defines the qualification methods to be used to ensure that each requirement of this interface has been met. These qualification methods are defined as:

D	Demonstration	The operation of the interfacing entities that relies on observable functional operation not requiring the use of instrumentation, special test equipment, or subsequent analysis.
T	Test	The operation of the interfacing entities using instrumentation or special test equipment to collect data for later analysis.
A	Analysis	The processing of accumulated data obtained from other qualification methods. Examples are reduction, interpretation, or extrapolation of test results.
I	Inspection	The visual examination of code, documentation, etc.
S	Special	Any special qualification methods such as special tools, techniques, procedures, facilities, and acceptance limits.

Table 4.0-1 lists each requirement of the TCS-to-JSIPS-N interface with its C⁴I IDD requirement number, traceability to the SSDD, the IDD paragraph number where the requirement is found, and the qualification method.

TABLE 4.0-1 TCS-to-JSIPS-N REQUIREMENT TRACEABILITY AND QUALIFICATION METHODS					
IDD Requirement Number	Requirement	Paragraph Number	TCS Block Impementation	SSDD Req.(s)	Qualification Method(s)
C4I210001	Connect via JMCIS Ethernet LAN (ISO/IEC 8802-3: 1996 [ANSI/IEEE Standard 802.3, 1996 Edition])	A.1	0	TBD	D,I
C4I210002	Transfer NITF 2.0 from TCS to PTW with transaction initiated by TCS	A.2	0	TBD	D,I
C4I210003	Transfer NITF 2.0 from TCS to PTW with transaction initiated by PTW	A.2	0	TBD	D,I
C4I210004	NITF 2.0 files with support data in the Text Field.	A.2	0	TBD	I
C4I210005	Data transfer via Network File System	A.2	0	TBD	D
C4I210006	Data transfer via File Transfer Protocol	A.2	0	TBD	D

5. Notes.

5.1 Background Information.

The Genser PTW segment of JSIPS-N runs on a TAC-3/TAC-4 platform and performs the data input and initial analysis of imagery. Alternately, the PTW segment of JSIPS-N can run in a Sun Solaris environment. PTW also generates and maintains an ETF and Mission Task Folder (MTF) database. Analysis of imagery is conducted using the SocetSetTM for precision control of imagery and Matrix for input, annotation and chipping of imagery.

When used with the TCS, the PTW will gather imagery and support data from the TCS, control the imagery using controlled images of the area, attach the imagery to an ETF or MTF and forward the controlled imagery to the Strike Planning Archive (SPA). The information is then disseminated to the various intelligence systems at the Genser level.

The photogrammetric control of SAR imagery requires support data not currently supplied with the SAR NITF 2.0 files. A new document, Airborne Synthetic Aperature Radar Support Data Extensions for the National Imagery Transmission Format, is currently in the approval cycle and has been used as a format for the required support data. Only required data is currently in the file.

A separate standalone program will be used to demonstrate the capability of generating precise target locations from a stream of vehicle data. For test purposes, the stream of data will be assembled in a single file.

5.2 Acronyms and Abbreviations.

ACS	Aerial Common Sensor
ADT	Air Data Terminal
AFATDS	Advanced Field Artillery Tactical Data System
AFMSS	Air Force Mission Support System
alt	altitude
AMPS	Army Mission Planning System
ASAS	All Source Analysis System
ATHS	Automated Target Handoff System
ATWCS	Advanced Tomahawk Weapons Control System
AV	Air Vehicle
C ⁴ I	Command, Control, Communication, Computer, and Intelligence
CA	California
CARS	Contingency Airborne Reconnaissance System
CCTV	Closed Circuit TeleVision
CGS	Common Ground Station
CIGSS	Common Imagery Ground/Surface System
COMPASS	Common Operational Modeling, Planning, and Simulation Strategy
CORBA	Common Object Request Broker Access
COSIP	Computer Open Systems Interface Processor
DCGS	Distributed Common Ground Station
DID	Data Item Description
DII/COE	Defense Information Infrastructure/Common Operating Environment
DIWSA	Digital Imagery Workstation Afloat
DoD	Department of Defense
DoDI	Department of Defense Instruction
EO	Electro Optical
ETF	Electronic Target Folder
ETRAC	Enhanced Tactical Radar Correlator
ft	feet
ft/sec	feet per second
GDE	General Dynamics Electronics
GSM	Ground Station Module
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HAE	High Altitude Endurance
HCI	Human-Computer Interface

IAS	Intelligence Analysis System
ID	Identifier or Identification
IDD	Interface Design Description
IPF	Integrated Processing Facility
IR	Infra Red
IRS	Interface Requirements Specification
JDISS	Joint Deployable Intelligence Support System
JII	Joint Interoperability Interface
JMCIS	Joint Maritime Command Information System
JMEM	Joint Munitions Effectiveness Manual
JMF	Joint Message Format
JSIPS	Joint Service Imagery Processing System
JSIPS-N	Joint Service Imagery Processing System - Navy
JSTARS	Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System
JTA	Joint Technical Architecture
LAN	Local Area Network
LRIP	Low Rate Initial Production
MAE	Medium Altitude Endurance
MIES	Modernized Imagery Exploitation System
MSL	Mean Sea Level
MTF	Mission Task Folder
N/A	Not Applicable
NITF	National Imagery Transmission Format
nm	nautical miles
no.	number
ORD	Operational Requirements Document
PTW	Precision Targeting Workstation
SAR	Synthetic Aperture Radar
sec	seconds
SPA	Strike Planning Archive
SPIRIT	Special Purpose Integrated Remote Intelligence Terminal
SSDD	System/Subsystem Design Description
SSS	System/Subsystem Specification
TAMPS	Tactical Aircraft Mission Planning System
TBD	To Be Determined
TBMCS	Theater Battle Management Core System
TAC-3	Tactical Advanced Computer, 3rd Generation

TCS	Tactical Control System
TEG	Tactical Exploitation Group
TES	Tactical Exploitation System
TUAV	Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UAV	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle
UAV JPO	Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Joint Program Office
VMF	Variable Message Format
VTa	Visual Task Aid
WGS	World Geographic Survey
Z	Zulu

APPENDIX A

PTW Version 1.7 Interface (FLEETEX Configuration)

A.1 System Configuration.

The configuration utilizing this interface consists of a TCS Version 1.0.0.5 and a PTW running a modified Version 1.7 of the PTW software, collocated on the same LAN. The JMCIS Ethernet LAN ((ISO/IEC 8802-3: 1996 [ANSI/IEEE Standard 802.3, 1996 Edition])) shall be configured such that the TCS has the ability to transfer files into the PTW. [C4I210001] See Figure A.1-1 below.

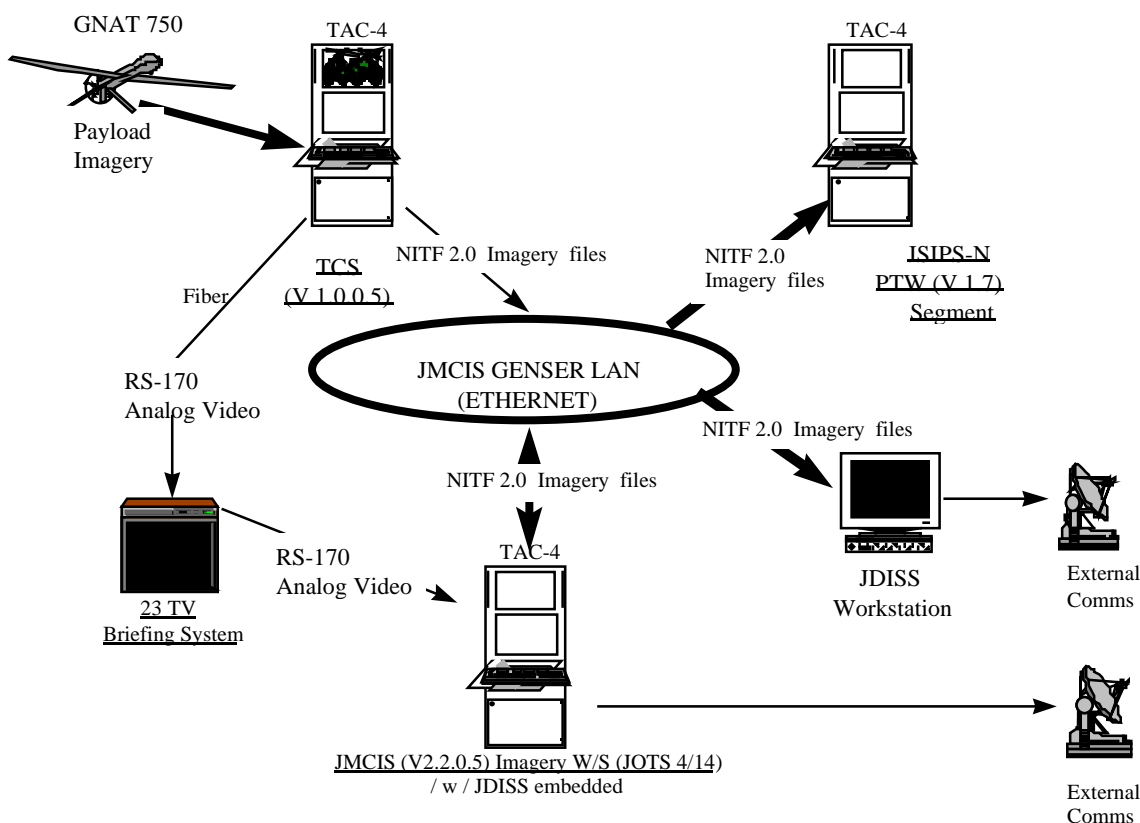


Figure A.1-1. USS Tarawa (LHA-1) FLEETEX C⁴I Configuration

A.2 Data Transfer.

Image files from the UAV downlinked data (GNAT 750 used as a Predator UAV surrogate) shall be transferred in NITF 2.0 format into the PTW using the transfer function installed on the TCS [C4I210002] or by selection of the UAV button from the PTW Tools menu. [C4I210003] The NITF 2.0 text field shall contain support data in an ASCII file as detailed in A.3.2. [C4I210004] A default transfer directory has been created on the PTW. Data transfer shall be via Network File System [C4I210005] or File Transfer Protocol. [C4I210006]

A.2.1 TCS to PTW Transfer - from TCS.

Transfer of image files can be initiated from the TCS using the menu shown in Figure A.2.1-2. The file to be transferred is selected on the left side of the window. When the File Transfer to PTW pushbutton is selected the file is copied to the default directory on the PTW.



Figure A.2.1-2. TCS File Transfer Menu

A.2.2 TCS to PTW Transfer - from PTW.

When UAV is selected from the Tools Menu of the PTW, the Initial PTW Menu shown in Figure A.2.2-1 appears. Currently only the MAE data files are available. Selection of any of the Process pushbuttons will cause the PTW File Selection Menu shown in Figure A.2.2-2 to be displayed.

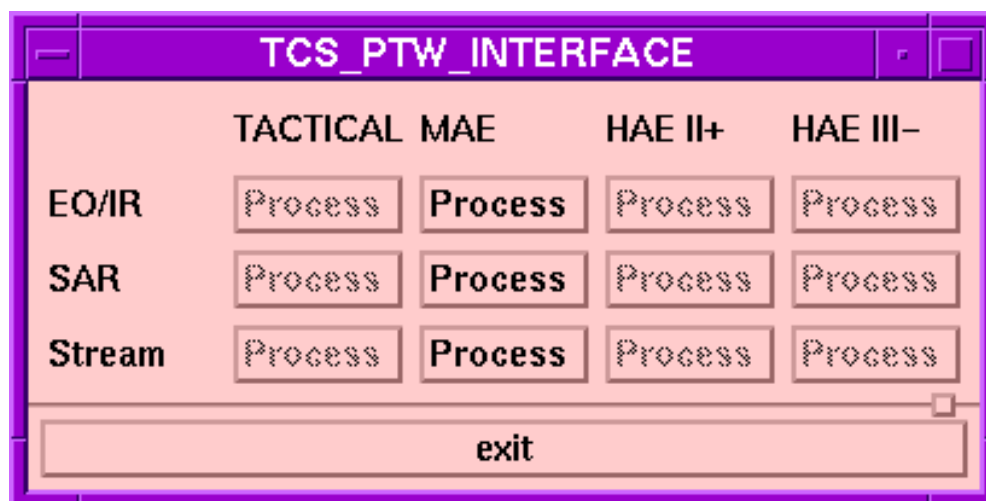


Figure A.2.2-1. Initial PTW Menu

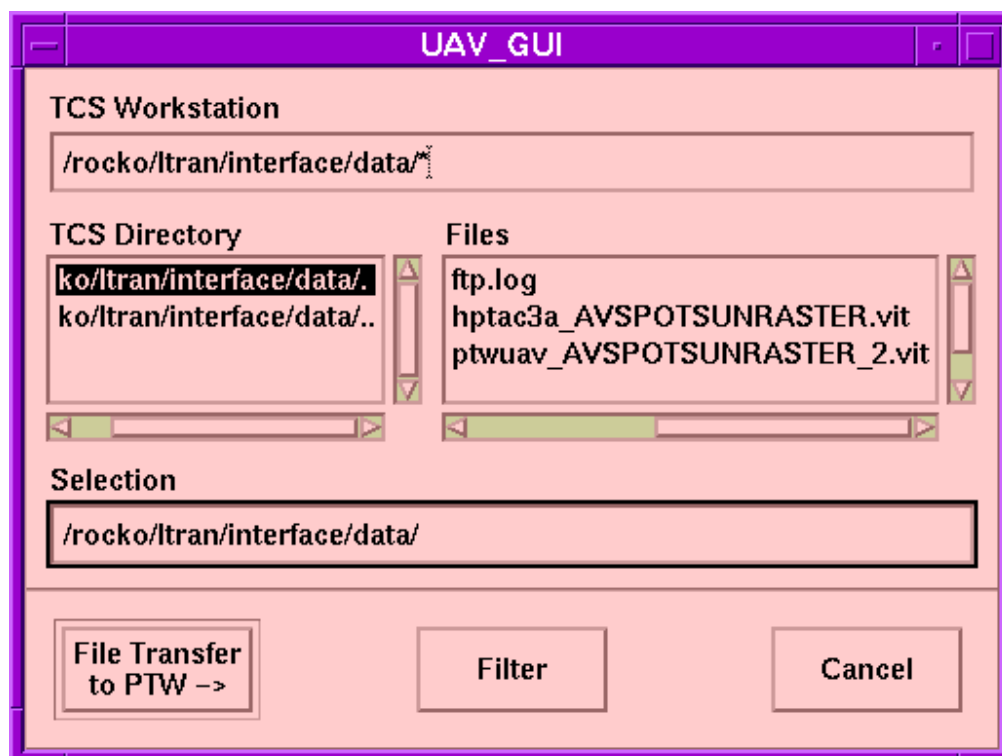


Figure A.2.2-2. PTW File Selection Menu

The file desired is selected from the TCS directories and the File Transfer to PTW pushbutton is selected. The file is then transferred to the default directory on the PTW.

A.3 PTW Operations.

To demonstrate the capability of the TCS to interface with the PTW the following operations will be performed.

A.3.1 File Import.

Using the MATRIX tool from the PTW menu the file transferred from the TCS will be imported from the transfer directory into the system using the NITF 2.0 Import function. The resulting .ntf file will reside in the /matrix/images directory.

A.3.2 Image Review.

The image will be loaded into the MATRIX screen. Annotation and graphics will be added using the MATRIX tools. The areas of interest will be chipped out and saved using the Scissors tool. Support data will be part of the NITF 2.0 file as a file stored in the text field. Using Matrix, the file can be opened and viewed, and the data associated with the image can be used to support targeting functions. See Figure A.3.2-1, NITF Support Data, containing the fields and example data.

```
AV_Tail_Nbr = 1
Mission_ID_Nbr = 0
AV_Position_Source = 0
AV_Lat_Deg = 3.30002980000000E+01
AV_Lon_Deg = -1.16803290000000E+01
AV_Alt_Ft_Msl = 9837
AV_True_Heading = 1.50000000000000E+01
AV_Ground_Track_Deg = 0.00000000000000E+01
AV_Next_Waypoint = 1
AV_Indicated_Airspeed = 150
GPS_Time_Wk = 888
GPS_Time_Sec = 13903
AV_Active_Sensor = 0
EOIR_Pointing_Mode = 0
EOIR_Pointing_Azimuth = 0.00000000000000E+00
EOIR_Pointing_Depression = 0.00000000000000E+00
EOIR_Fixed_Pt_Lat = 3.29999580000000E+01
EOIR_Fixed_Pt_Long = -1.16803061000000E+02
EO2_Zoom_Setting = 0
IR_Fov = 14
AV_Roll_Angle = 0.00000000000000E+00
AV_Pitch_Angle = 0.00000000000000E+00
AV_Yaw_Rate = 0.00000000000000E+00
AV_Vertical_Speed = 0
AV_Normal_Accel = 0.00000000000000E+00
```

Figure A.3.2-1 NITF Support Data

A.3.3 Target Folders.

On the PTW a Target Folder will be created and the chips developed in Paragraph 3.2 will be added to the target folder as Visual Task Aids (VTAs).

APPENDIX B

PTW Version 3.1 Interface (Proposed)

B.1 System Configuration.

The configuration utilizing this interface consists of a TCS (version TBD) and a PTW. This configuration will be used for future demonstrations of the interface between TCS and JSIPS.

B.1.1 TCS.

The TCS will have added software to control the transfer of files to the PTW and to notify the PTW of file availability. Software to provide CORBA capability will be installed. To test the Precision Targeting mode a function to assemble telemetry data into a file useable by the Precision Target demonstration software will be installed.

B.1.2 PTW.

The PTW will have a preliminary version of Version 3.1 software. It will consist of the Version 2.1 baseline with a UAV communications function added. It will contain MATRIX Version 5.1.1 and SocetSetTM Version 4.0 with the generic SAR model installed. The PTW Tools menu will be modified to add UAV specific entries. Two independent applications will be added to the PTW software. One will process the SAR Support Data file and insert the data into the SocetSetTM.sup file. The other application will process the Precision Targeting data files to provide a more precise target location.

B.2 Data Transfer.

Data transfers between the TCS and the PTW can be separated into four areas.

B.2.1 Digital Imagery (Still).

Digital Imagery (Still) consists of single frames of imagery captured from the sensor down-link. The imagery in the file may be E/O, IR or SAR imagery.

B.2.1.1 Type of Interface.

Digital Imagery (Still) will be transferred from TCS to PTW in NITF 2.0 format.

B.2.1.2 Individual Data Element Characteristics.

The individual SAR and EO/IR data element characteristics are listed in the following paragraphs.

B.2.1.2.1 SAR Individual Data Element Characteristics.

SAR elements are still in the process of being defined based upon an on-going SAR study.

B.2.1.2.2 EO/IR Individual Data Element Characteristics.

Digital Imagery (Still) EO/IR data elements within the file will be as specified in NITF Specification MIL-STD-2500A. No approved extensions are currently required. This interface was shown in Demonstration #2. As additional support data requirements are identified, this interface may be modified to include approved support data extensions.

B.2.1.3 Data Element Assembly Characteristics.

Data Elements will be assembled as specified in in MIL-STD-2500A and as amended by the specific approved applicable extensions. The EO/IR input is as specified in in MIL-STD-2500A. As additional support data requirements are approved, this interface may be modified to assemble the required support data extensions.

B.2.1.4 Communication Methods Characteristics.

Digital Imagery (Still) will be transferred between the TCS and PTW via the Local Area Network (LAN) connecting the two systems.

B.2.1.5 Other Characteristics.

Support data may be contained in the fields of the NITF 2.0 header or in negotiated extensions within the file.

B.2.2 Support Data Files.

Support Data Files are required for control and triangulation of the associated image. Data elements are dependent on the type of image (i.e. SAR, E/O, IR). Nominally, the support data files will include UAV position, velocity, attitude, sensor attitude, image center(target) location, slant range, and time tags.

B.2.2.1 Type of Interface.

Support data is transferred in files as described in the following paragraphs.

B.2.2.2 Individual Data Element Characteristics.

- a. Individual Data Element Characteristics of the SAR Support Data Files are TBD.
- b. Individual Data Element Characteristics of the EO/IR Support Data Files are TBD.

B.2.2.3 Data Element Assembly Characteristics.

- a. The SAR Support Data Elements characteristics are TBD.
- b. The EO/IR Support Data Element Assembly characteristics are TBD.

B.2.2.4 Communication Methods Characteristics.

Support Data Files will be transferred between TCS and PTW via the Local Area Network connecting the two systems.

B.2.2.5 Other Characteristics.

Support Data Files will have the same filename as the image they support except they will have a “.dat” extension.

B.2.3 Real-time Status Information.

Real-time Status Information will be used to coordinate operations between the TCS and PTW. File availability information and the success or failure of transfer operations are typical data sent between systems as Real-time Status Information.

B.2.3.1 Type of Interface.

Real-time Status Information is transferred via sockets established by the Graphical User Interfaces (GUI) running on each system.

B.2.3.2 Individual Data Element Characteristics.

The elements of the structure passed from TCS to PTW are:

```
int    NumFiles;  
char   Filename[256];
```

If NumFiles = 0 then the file, Filename, is available for transfer to the PTW.

If NumFiles = 1 then file, Filename has been pushed to the PTW by the TCS.

B.2.3.3 Data Element Assembly Characteristics.

The structure detailed in Paragraph 2.4.2 is passed as a message from the TCS to the PTW.

B.2.3.4 Communication Methods Characteristics.

Communications between the TCS and PTW will be via the Local Area Network using the standard socket to socket method of process to process communications.

B.2.3.5 Other Characteristics.

The structure will allow for multiple files to be transferred in later revisions.

B.2.4 Precision Targeting Data.

Precision Targeting Data is a series of vehicle positions and sensor pointing angles used by the PTW to precisely locate a potential target. The TCS will provide a file with data as detailed in the following paragraphs.

B.2.4.1 Type of Interface.

Precision Targeting Data Files will be transferred between TCS and PTW via the Local Area Network connecting the two systems.

B.2.4.2 Individual Data Element Characteristics.

Support data needed for near-real-time EO/IR targeting is contained in the Tactical Control System Segment to Air Vehicle Specific Segment Standard Interface Design Description. One needed data item is missing, the EO/IR Fixed Point Altitude used to calculate EO/IR image center Fixed Pointing Latitude and Longitude (fields 36 and 37). The UAV System Status message field items are listed in Table B.2.4.2-1. The normal data rate is 1 Hz. The normal data size is 228 bytes.

The support data needed for near-real-time targeting should be assembled into a single file with a file name that identifies the target that was centered in the camera during data collection. As supporting information, it is requested that a frame captured image of the target be provided. This allows the proper correlation of the data with the appropriate target.

Table B.2.4.2-2 is a data subset that is sufficient for near-real-time targeting. Field numbers are listed in the order of priority but it highly desirable to have all fields up to field 37 plus the EO/IR Fixed Pointing Altitude.

Field Number	Field Type	Description
1	Unsigned Long Constant = 1	Message Identifier 1 = UAV System Status
2	Unsigned Long	PPO Number, Source 1 = PPO 1 2 = PPO 2
3	Unsigned Long	UAV Tail Number/Id (1..999)
4	Unsigned Long	Mission ID Number 0 = PPO Modified Mission 1..255
5	WGS	UAV Latitude WGS * 1,000,000 (-90,000.000.. +90,000,000)
6	WGS	UAV Longitude WGS * 1,000,000 (-180,000.000.. +180,000,000)
7	Long	UAV Altitude, mean above sea level, GPS Feet (-3000..60000)
8	Degrees	UAV Heading, True North Degrees * 100 (0..35999)
9	Degrees	UAV Course, Ground Track Degrees * 100 (0.35999)
10	Degrees	UAV Measured Wind Heading Degrees * 100 (0..35999)
11	Unsigned Long	UAV Measured Wind Speed Knots (0..255)
12	Unsigned Long	UAV Next Waypoint # (1..999)
13	Signed Long	UAV Climb Rate Feet / Sec (-3000..+3000)
14	Unsigned Long	UAV Indicated Air Speed Knots (0..200)
15	Unsigned Long	UAV Fuel Remaining, Indicated Lbs. * 10 (0..8000)
16	Unsigned Long	Loiter Pattern Mode 0 = None - no pattern 1 = N-Gon (6 points) 2 = Figure 8 3 = Area Search Box
17	Unsigned Long	Diameter / Height Nautical Miles * 1000 N-Gon, Diameter (3000 .. 10000) Figure 8, Height (3000 .. 50000) Area Search Height (3000 .. 50000)

Table B.2.4.2-1

Field Number	Field Type	Description
18	Unsigned Long	Length, Nautical Miles * 1000 N-Gon, not used Figure 8, Height (3000 .. 50000) Area Search Height (3000 .. 50000)
19	Unsigned Long	Time Remaining in Loiter Pattern (minutes)
20	Unsigned Long	Current GPS Reference Time, Weeks (week zero is Jan. 6, 1980)
21	Unsigned Long	Current GPS Reference Time, Seconds (seconds since midnight, Sunday)
22	Unsigned Long	UAV Communication Link Select 0 = LOS 1 = UHF Satcom 2 = WB-CDL Satcom
23	Unsigned Long	UAV Satcom Channel Number (0..100)
24	Unsigned Long	UAV Communication Link Status 0 = Lost Link 1 = OK
25	Unsigned Long	IAV VCR Video Source 0 = Nose Camera 1 1 = EO 2 - Daylight 2 = FLIR 3 = EO 1 - Spotter 4 = Spare, 1 5 = Spare, 2 6 = Receiver 3
26	Unsigned Long	UAV VCR State 0 = Stop 1 = BOT (Beginning of Tape) 2 = EOT (End of Tape) 3 = Search Rewind 4 = Search Forward 5 = Rewind 6 = Fast Forward 7 = Play 8 = Pause, Standby 9 = Record 10 = Null 3 11 = Null 4 12 = Still 13 = Null 5 14 = Interval Record 15 = Counter Reset

Table B.2.4.2-2

Field Number	Field Type	Description
27	Signed Long	VCR Counter, Seconds (-7200..+7200)
28	Unsigned Long	UAV Video Source, Datalink Primary (Primary video link. Typically used for nose camera in LOS link operation and for payload data in non LOS operation) 0 = Nose Camera 1 (normally selected, for LOS) 1 = EO 2 - Daylight 2 = FLIR 3 = EO 1 - Spotter 4 = Spare, 1 5 = Spare, 2 6 = Receiver 3 7 = UAV VCR
29	Unsigned Long	UAV Video Source, Datalink Secondary (Primary payload data for LOS link operation.) 0 = Nose Camera 1 1 = EO 2 - Daylight 2 = FLIR 3 = EO 1 - Spotter 4 = Spare, 1 5 = Spare, 2 6 = Receiver 3 7 = UAV VCR
30	Unsigned Long	UAV Active Sensor 0 = Nose Camera 1 1 = EO 2 - Daylight 2 = FLIR 3 = EO 1 - Spotter 4 = SAR 5 = Spare 6 = Receiver 3 7 = UAV VCR
31	Unsigned Long	EO/IR State, Power 0 = Off 1 = On
32	Unsigned Long	EO/IR IIRS number IIRS (0 .. 9)
33	Unsigned Long	EO/IR Pointing Mode 0 = Position Reference 1 = Position Fixed 2 = Slew 3 = Bright Spot
34	Unsigned Long	EO/IR Pointing Azimuth (Ref to north heading) Degrees * 100 (-18000..+18000)

Field Number	Field Type	Description
35	Unsigned Long	EO/IR Pointing Depression (Ref. to aircraft) Degrees * 100 (-1800..+18000)
36	WGS	EO/IR Fixed Pointing Latitude, Center Point WGS * 1,000,000(-90,000,000..+90,000,000)
37	WGS	EO/IR Fixed Pointing Longitude, Center Point WGS * 1,000,000(-180,000,000..+180,000,000)
38	Unsigned Long	Ellipsoid Radii Major Axis Feet * 10
39	Unsigned Long	Ellipsoid Radii Minor Axis Feet * 10
40	Unsigned Long	EO1 Zoom Setting (Currently Fixed) Spare
41	Unsigned Long	EO1 Iris Mode (Currently Fixed) 0 = Manual 1 = Auto
42	Unsigned Long	EO1 Iris Setting (Currently Fixed) (0..100)
43	Unsigned Long	EO2 Focus, Position (0..100)
44	Unsigned Long	EO2 Zoom Setting, Position (0.100)
45	Unsigned Long	EO2 Iris Mode 0 = Manual 1 = Auto
46	Unsigned Long	EO2 Iris Setting (0..100)
47	Unsigned Long	EO2 Focus, Position (0..100)
48	Unsigned Long	IR FOV 2X 0 = None 1 = 2X
49	Unsigned Long	IR FOV 0 = 19 MM 1 = 70 MM 2 = 280 MM
50	Unsigned Long	IR Focus, Position (0..100)
51	Unsigned Long	IR Iris Mode 0 = Manual 1 = Auto
52	Unsigned Long	IR Iris Setting (1..5)

Table B-1.4

Field Number	Field Type	Description
53	Unsigned Long	IR Image Polarity 0 = white 1 = black hot
54	Unsigned Long	SAR State 0 = Power Off 1 = Extended Bit / Calibration 2 = Standby 3 = Operate
55	Unsigned Long	SAR IRS number, Required only when SAR is in Operate state IIRS (0..9)
56	Unsigned Long	SAR Transit 0 = Disabled) 1 = Enabled
57	Unsigned Long	Checksum

Table B-1.5

Field Number	Field Type	Description
20	Unsigned Long	Current GPS Reference Time, Weeks (week zero is Jan. 6, 1980)
21	Unsigned Long	Current GPS Reference Time, Seconds (seconds since midnight, Sunday)
4	Unsigned Long	Mission ID Number 0 = PPO Modified Mission 1..255
5	WGS	UAV Latitude WGS * 1,000,000 (-90,000.000.. +90,000,000)
6	WGS	UAV Longitude WGS * 1,000,000 (-180,000.000.. +180,000,000)
7	Long	UAV Altitude, mean above sea level, GPS Feet (-3000..60000)
8	Degrees	UAV Heading, True North Degrees * 100 (0..35999)
9	Degrees	UAV Course, Ground Track Degrees * 100 (0.35999)
30	Unsigned Long	UAV Active Sensor 0 = Nose Camera 1 1 = EO 2 - Daylight 2 = FLIR 3 = EO 1 - Spotter 4 = SAR 5 = Spare 6 = Receiver 3 7 = UAV VCR
32	Unsigned Long	EO/IR IIRS number IIRS (0 .. 9)
33	Unsigned Long	EO/IR Pointing Mode 0 = Position Reference 1 = Position Fixed 2 = Slew 3 = Bright Spot
34	Unsigned Long	EO/IR Pointing Azimuth (Ref to north heading) Degrees * 100 (-18000..+18000)
35	Unsigned Long	EO/IR Pointing Depression (Ref. to aircraft) Degrees * 100 (-1800..+18000)
36	WGS	EO/IR Fixed Pointing Latitude, Center Point WGS * 1,000,000(-90,000,000..+90,000,000)
37	WGS	EO/IR Fixed Pointing Longitude, Center Point WGS * 1,000,000(-180,000,000..+180,000,000)

Table B-2.1

Field Number	Field Type	Description
(Not Listed)	Long	EO'/IR Fixed Pointing Altitude, mean above sea level, feet
42	Unsigned Long	EO1 Iris Setting (Currently Fixed) (0..100)
43	Unsigned Long	EO2 Focus, Position (0..100)
44	Unsigned Long	EO2 Zoom Setting, Position (0.100)
46	Unsigned Long	EO2 Iris Setting (0..100)
47	Unsigned Long	EO2 Focus, Position (0..100)
48	Unsigned Long	IR FOV 2X 0 = None 1 = 2X
49	Unsigned Long	IR FOV 0 = 19 MM 1 = 70 MM 2 = 280 MM
50	Unsigned Long	IR Focus, Position (0..100)
52	Unsigned Long	IR Iris Setting (1..5)
53	Unsigned Long	IR Image Polarity 0 = white 1 = black hot
54	Unsigned Long	SAR State 0 = Power Off 1 = Extended Bit / Calibration 2 = Standby 3 = Operate

Table B.2.4.2-2

B.2.4.3 Data Element Assembly Characteristics.

The data elements described above in either the format of Table B-1 or B-2 will be collected into a records. These records will be assembled for transfer from TCS to PTW. The number of records may be from ten to 200. The files will be uniquely identified to be associated with a target and an NITF 2.0 frame captured image will be provided and associated with these elements.

B.2.4.4 Communication Methods Characteristics.

Precision Targeting files will be transferred between TCS and PTW via the Local Area Network connecting the two systems.

B.2.4.5 Other Characteristics.

File length (number of position reports) is variable. The greater the number of position reports in the file the more accurate the resultant target position will be.

B.3 PTW Operations.

The following paragraphs describe the operations to be performed on the PTW during a demonstration of this capability.

B.3.1 Digital Imagery (Still).

Using the communications software added to the TCS Digital Imagery in NITF 2.0 format will be transferred to the PTW. Using the MATRIX import function the images will be brought into MATRIX. Annotations and graphics will be added and areas of interest chipped from the images. The chips will then be transferred to target folders as Visual Task Aids. If controlled imagery for the area covered by the image is available the images will be moved into SocetSetTM and controlled.

B.3.2 SAR Data.

TBD

B.3.3 Precision Targeting Data.

The Precision Targeting data file will be sent to the PTW and the Precision Targeting application will be selected from the menu. When the file is selected the application will process the file and provide the results in a popup window.